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# NEWS

## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

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## **USS Cole C/MC speaks at CNET SSOY banquet**

PENSACOLA, Fla., -- The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) Military Members of the Year Award presentation dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 5, at 6 p.m., at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. CNET is honored to announce Master Chief Petty Officer James G. Parlier, Command Master Chief of the Arleigh Burke class destroyer the USS Cole (DDG 67), as the guest speaker. Parlier was aboard the Cole when the ship was attacked by terrorists Oct. 12, 2000 while refueling in Yemen.

Parlier is scheduled to address leadership, particularly the topic of stepping up to bat when a key person can not. "First class petty officers need to know that there is such a great need for leadership in the absence of key personnel," said Parlier, "if a chief is injured the first class petty officers must have the leadership and courage to step up."

Recognition will be given to each activity's military member of the year. The public is invited to attend and help recognize these outstanding individuals. The cost for the banquet dinner is \$17.50 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Chief Petty Officer Bruce Alberque or Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Fallashernandez, at 850-452-4835, by Tuesday, April 3. The uniform for the Sailor of the Year dinner is summer whites or service equivalent for military and informal for non-military.

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